



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

February 2012 Newsletter

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The next monthly CCC men's breakfast will take place on Saturday, February 4, from 8-9am in Thompson Hall. As a special treat, the CCC women have graciously volunteered to make breakfast for this occasion! For first-timers, this would be an excellent month to make an initial appearance!

The discussion topic this month will be Christian athletes. More professional athletes recently seem to be displaying their Christianity more overtly. In particular, Tim Tebow has drawn a great deal of attention, some favorable, some critical. Has the media coverage been fair? Have athletes been effective Christian role models? Is there a downside to athletes actively pronouncing their faith?

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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Boy Scout Sunday

On Sunday, February 5, CCC will be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday at the 10am service. We would love to have any Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts come in their uniforms and participate in the service. Contact the church office to convey your interest.



Youth Sunday

Please join us on February 12 for a special day at CCC where the youth and Randi & Adam Fike will lead us in a combined worship service at 10am - there will not be an 8am service.

SAVE THESE DATES

February 12
Youth Sunday
COMBINED SERVICE

March 18
Friendship Sunday
+ Spagingo!

April 15
Birthday Dinner

July 8-13
CCC Mission Trip

Bryan's Bits

As I look over the calendar for our upcoming month I see the usual suspects - worship services, Bible studies, meetings, youth events, outreach projects and the such. Then my eyes fall on things that seem, well, somewhat different and the word is familiar but is still strange to both my eyes and my understanding. That word is "lent." What is it doing there and what does it mean? We all know that just before lent is Mardi Gras in New Orleans and in other cities around the world. It is also called Fat Tuesday. All I know is it is wild and people "cut loose" just before Lent. But why? According to Wikipedia this is the definition and understanding of Lent:

*In the Christian tradition, **Lent** is the period of the liturgical year from Ash Wednesday to Easter. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer – through prayer, repentance, almsgiving and self-denial – for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to the Synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent forty days fasting in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry, where he endured temptation by Satan. Thus, Lent is described as being forty days long, though different denominations calculate the forty days differently.*

This practice is common to much of Christendom, being celebrated by Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans and some Baptists. Lent is increasingly being observed by other denominations as well, even such groups that have historically ignored Lent, such as some Baptists and Mennonites.

Many times people engage Lent by giving something up. I have heard people giving up coffee, chocolate, wine, beer, candy, etc. Yet what I get from the above article is that it is a time of preparation! So if this is a time of preparation of both heart and body for the act of engagement in ministry to those around us - I have to ask myself and I guess you as well, "how are we (I) preparing ourselves to engage with and reach through compassion those who I come into contact with? I once went to an Ash Wednesday service (starts the 40 days of Lent) and we have burned the palms from last years Palm Sunday service and then mixed the ashes with oil and marked our foreheads with the oil and ash. It was a reminder to me that celebration comes to an end, and that I bear the mark of celebrating Christ on my body as well as in my heart. That I am called to carry the mark of Christ with quiet determination to those around me. So that they will see that Christ has marked my life and all can see Him on me. So in this time of Lent, I ask you not only to give something up for God, but to also please take something up for Christ. Take the time to listen to your family and friends - listen not just to their words but to their hearts. Listen and care for those around you so that in some small way they may see the stain of Christ on your life! Blessings and see you soon.

In His Touch, Bryan

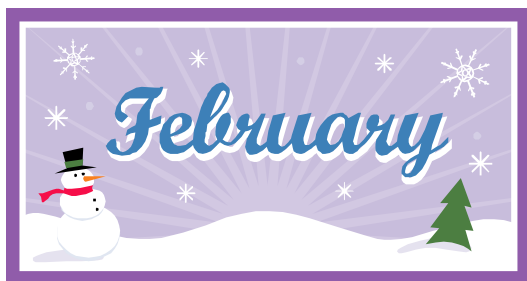
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Upcoming Events

- 2/4 Men's Breakfast, 8am
 2/5 Souper Bowl of Caring
 Boy Scout Sunday
 General Board, 11:20am
 2/8 Soup Kitchen, 4pm
 2/11 Women's Coffee Break, 8am
 2/12 Youth Sunday, 10am
COMBINED SERVICE
 2/22 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
 2/25 Women's Book Group, 9:15am

Ongoing Events

Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
 Adult Sunday School - Sundays, 9-9:30am
 Children's Time - Sundays, 9-9:30am
 Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am
 Sermon in the Round - Tuesdays, 10am
 Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
 Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
 Bible Study - Thursdays, 7pm
 Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
 Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am
 The Well Book Group - 4th Saturday, 9:15am

Keep up with CCC events on the website.
 Go to the Upcoming Events page on our
 website: www.CCCLincolnshire.org



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Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate



Don't miss the February Women's coffee on Saturday, the 11th! We start at 8am at Einstein's on Milwaukee. It is free flowing - we come and go when we need to. This is such a great time to sit down, relax, and get to know one another better. Mark your calendars now before things get too busy. Come share some coffee and some laughs to start your day off right!

If you would like to help cater the Men's February breakfast meeting on Saturday February 4, please contact Susan Short as soon as possible! This will be a great way to support the work of the men in the church.

In May, the women will be hosting a "*Mothers and Others*" event. The planning is beginning, and Susan is looking for any and all ideas. This will be an opportunity to honor and support the mother in all of us. Whether you have your own children or are a mother figure to a family member or friend, you are welcome. What we do and what we give to one another is so sacred. Let's honor that together in May.

Lastly, there will be a summer day retreat for the women in 2012. Susan is looking for contributors to make this day a worthwhile investment of time and energy for us all.

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please contact the church office.



ALIVE!

5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS



Alive! Supports Souper Bowl

There will be a special collection on Sunday, Sunday, February 5th to benefit the Community Social Services' Soup as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a national event that raises funds to help local charities in communities across the country. CCC youth will be collecting your generous monetary donations in soup pots on February 5th. Checks should be made out to CCC but designate Souper Bowl on the memo line. Help those in need, and enjoy the football game! Thank you.



In 2011 Souper Bowl of
Caring Collected
\$9,583,627.54 in cash & food
items for 10,138 Charities



*The CCC Annual Garage Sale
is a long time away...or it?
Although it is hard to believe,
the 2011 sale was 4 months ago!!*

Please mark your calendar...

*we are really counting on your help the week
of September 22-29!!*

The General Operating Budget data for December 2011 is as follows:

December income	\$25,773
December expenses	\$27,554
YTD income	\$273,677
YTD expenses	\$261,648



Are You Thirsty?

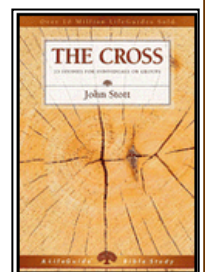
CCC Women would like to invite you to a book group, which meets monthly on the 4th Saturday at 9:15am. The group is discussing the bestselling book, The Well by Mark Hall from the music group, Casting Crowns. Teresa Elliott will be leading the study. To order a book and/or if this sounds interesting to you please contact the church office

Go to the website for more information about the book: <http://castingcrowns.com/store/well-book-mark-hall>

The Cross Bible Study

Community Christian Church invites you to join a weekly evening Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7pm. The group is discussing the book "The Cross" by John Stott and will explore the accomplishments and meaning of the cross.

Contact Bryan Elliott for more information and to order a book for \$6.00.



Thank You!!

Thank you to those who served at the Soup Kitchen in January:

Amy
Shelley
Jim
Charlie
Lynn
Amber
Katie
Dianne
Phyllis

Thank you to those who served treats at Fellowship Hour in January.

Thank you to everyone for helping to take down Christmas.

Thank you to the 25 of you who served at Feed My Starving Children on January 28.

Thank you for all the cookies on Cookie Sunday!

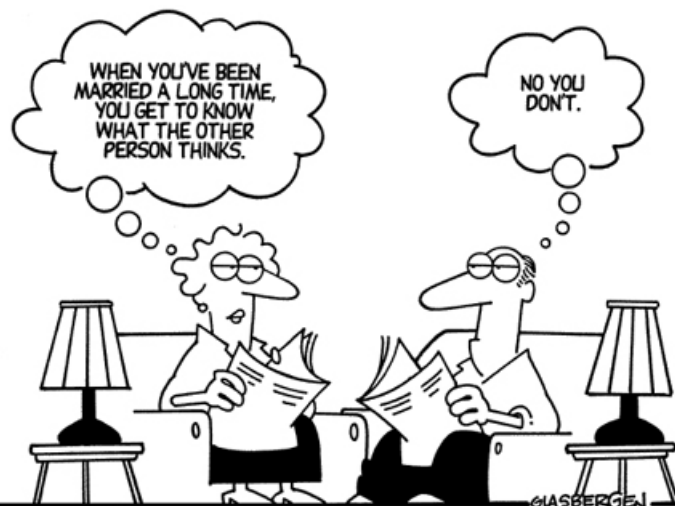
Thank you for the generous donations to Souper Bowl of Caring.

Happy Birthday!

Dave	2
Gail	3
John	4
James	8
MaryJane	8
Brian	8
Barbara	9
Ben	9
Jonah	10
Kim	12
Jayne	12
Michael	14
Ron	15
Harold	17
Ada	21
Jim	23
Connor	24
Ryan	24
Owen	25
Jessica	25
Matt	25
Jennifer	26
Judy	26
Chandler	26
Victor	28

Happy Anniversary!

Chris and Carolyn	24
Perry and Ginny	24



CCC Youth Page

It's Becoming Fundraising Season

On July 8-13, 15 members of our church, mostly youth will travel to Nashville, Tennessee to represent CCC. They will take a bit of us with them, they will remember us there, we will pray for them while on their mission and they have hopes of returning with their more lives centered on Christ. That's why they do this - they give up a lot and expect very little...but we need to help them get there! In the next few months before they go, there will be many opportunities to help them get there: Spagingo!, bake sales, car washes, youth

services to be auctioned...probably more. These kids are very creative and you'll never guess what they will come up with to raise funds for this important adventure. Please keep them in mind while they try their hardest - without being a bother - to make this mission trip possible again this year. Last year, you helped them fund the entire trip - including gas money...what an incredible feat! So the bar is set pretty high, but they know you are supporting them 100%...this means everything to them ~ thank you for being, and remembering to be so generous!

ALIVE!

5th THROUGH 8th GRADERS

REVIVE!

9th through 12th Graders



February/March Schedule

FEB 5	11:30AM	SOUPER BOWL OF CARING YOUTH SUNDAY PREP + SUPER BOWL GAMES
FEB 12	10AM	YOUTH SUNDAY
	11:30AM	YOUTH LUNCH
FEB 19	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP - SUNDAY
FEB 26	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP - NOISE
MAR 4	11:30AM	GAMES OR OUTING?
MAR 11	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP - KICKBALL
MAR 17	9AM	SPAGINGO PREP
MAR 18	11:30AM	FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY + SPAGINGO
MAR 25	11:30AM	SPRING & YOUTH GROUP BREAK

CCC YOUTH VISION STATEMENT

TO GATHER AS FRIENDS IN A FUN, SAFE
ENVIRONMENT TO SHARE STORIES AND LEARN
HOW TO CENTER OUR LIVES ON CHRIST.

CCC YOUTH MISSION STATEMENT

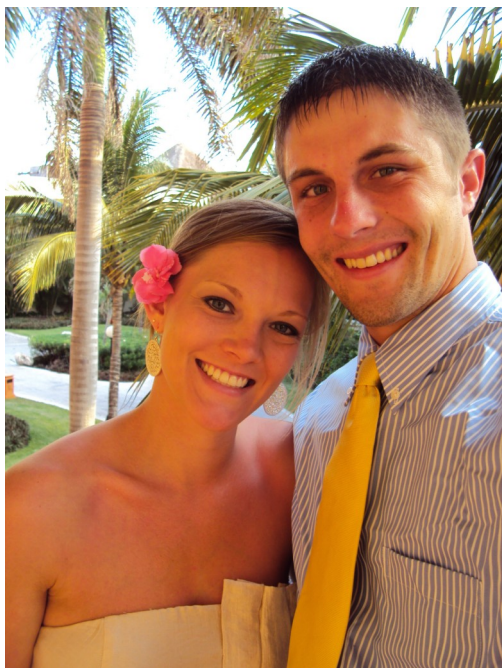
FINDING OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

LAUGHING IN ORDER TO LOVE AND TO BE POSITIVE

ARTISTICALLY EXPRESSING OURSELVES THROUGH
PRAISE

READING THE BIBLE TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL

PRAYING FOR OUR WELL-BEING AND FOR OTHERS



Please welcome Randi and Adam Fike to CCC! They will be our new Youth Ministers and have already lead a couple Sundays with our youth - to rave reviews!! You will be hearing more about them soon, but for now, please help them feel at home.



Children's Sunday School



2012 Rotation Lesson Plans

February	The Lord's Prayer
March	The Last Supper
April	The Walk to Emmaus
May	Paul on the Road

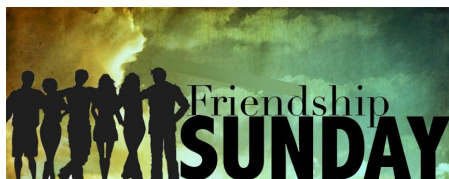


To support the Feeding of 5,000 lesson that the Sunday School children learned in January, we will still be collecting loaves and fishes on February 5.

Please bring in
cans of tuna
and
flour-based mixes
(loaves and fishes)

to donate to the
Northern Illinois Food Bank

Baskets will be provided in the Narthex



Please join us on Sunday, March 18 at 10am for a celebration of friendship. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend to join you at worship. We would love to increase our circle of friends at CCC and Friendship Sunday is a perfect way to do it. Our worship will explore the role of friendship in our lives. After worship you can continue the fun by staying for the youth fundraiser Spagingo!

CCC Red Shirts Available

There are many events coming up to adore CCC's signature red shirt and it has recently been restyled. If you'd like to purchase the latest CCC shirt, please contact the church office. They are \$10 each. If we don't have your size in stock, it can be ordered!

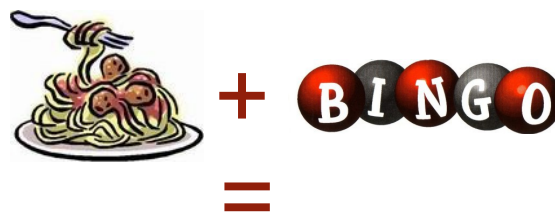


Not Ready for Winter to be Over?



Once again this year, there is an opportunity to ski and snowboard at Wilmot Mountain on February 19 from 3:30-11pm. Registration deadline is Friday, February 3. If you are interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

More information is available by clicking here:
http://www.archive.org/download/ArcticBlast/ArcticBlast_2012.pdf



SPAGINGO!

(Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night)

Bring the entire family for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, food and Bingo! Freewill donations will be collected to raise money for the mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee. Come and enjoy a luncheon catered by CCC's youth!

When: Sunday, March 18

Time: Lunch will be served at 11:30am followed by Bingo

Who: The whole family

Where: CCC Friendship Hall



Cookies for Our College Students

On Sunday, January 29, CCC packed and shipped 26 boxes of cookies to college students and past pastors. There were an additional 14 containers of cookies that were handed out to more college students and friends of CCC. The thanks go to all the people in the church for contributing - Thank you, everyone! You brought cookies, parents updated addresses the children decorated cards, many helped pack the cookies as well - special thanks to Chris & Kevin, Pat, Henry, Ruby and Kathleen. What a fun day!



Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added. You may also submit a name to the long term prayer list by writing the name on a cross and posting it on the prayer board in Friendship Hall.

Alexander & Evan	Maura and Family
Amy's family	Mike and family
Ana	Nan and family
Andrew & Whitney	National & World
Ann	Leaders
Bill	Nicole and MacKenzie
Bodil's family	Nikki
Brent	Noel & Sherri
Caroline & family	Our Stephen Ministry
Cuptrice	Our Troops
Danielle & Danny	Pat
Dawn	Patrick
Family and Friends of	Rich
Naomi	Rich
Gaby & family	Robert
George	Sheila & Jimmy
Gretchen's family	Sherry
Helen's family	Stephanie
Henry	Woody
Howard and Eleanore	
Jason's family	
Jennifer and family	
Jim & family	
Jim	
Jim's family	
Kara	
Kay	
Ken & family	
Kyle	
Lesli & Bunny	
Lin	
Linda	
Lisa and family	
Mack	
Matthew	



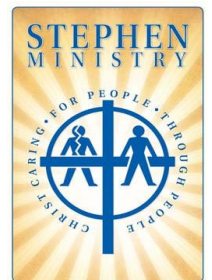
Short Term Prayer List

Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long term prayer list.

Chris	Kris's family
Danny	Mary and her mom
Don's family	Mary's family
Ed	Nelson
Gig's family	Patrice
Ginny	Paulette
Jackson	Pip
Jay's family	Sean
Jill, Adam & Randi	Tom
Kathleen	
Kenlay's family	



Do You Need a Hug?



February is the month we associate with Valentines. Cards, flowers, candy and special shared meals are considered appropriate (a nice piece of jewelry isn't bad either). But what is it that really makes us feel loved and cherished is none of those things - except maybe the jewelry...just kidding. The warm embrace of a loved one brings the best feeling of all. Just like when a baby reaches out with both arms, looking for the comfort of a simple hug.

Every day our loving heavenly Father lavishes hugs on each of us, from every waking moment we are held securely in His embrace. If the precious feeling of God's love has slipped away from you it would be wise to spend a little time with a Stephen Minister. Please call the church office to make the arrangements.

■ CCC Events ■ CCC Youth Groups
■ Troop 78 ■ Committee Meetings

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ■ 7p Choir Practice	2 Groundhog Day ■ 7p Bible Study	3	4 ■ 8a Men's Breakfast
5 ■ Souper Bowl ■ Scout Sunday ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:15a Gen Board ■ 11:30a Youth Group	6 ■ 7p Troop 78	7 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 7p Commissioners	8 ■ 4p Soup Kitchen ■ 7p Choir Practice	9	10	11 ■ 8a Women's Coffee Break
12 ■ Youth Sunday ■ Lincoln's Birthday ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group	13 ■ 7p Troop 78	14 Valentine's Day ■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 7p Roundtable	15 ■ 7p Choir Practice	16 ■ 7p Bible Study	17	18
19 ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group - Trees	20 ■ No School ■ President's Day ■ 7p Troop 78	21 Mardi Gras ■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 7p Pack 78	22 Ash Wednesday ■ Washington's Birthday ■ 7p Choir Practice	23 ■ 7p Bible Study	24	25
26 ■ Bryan SM Commissioning ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group - Sunday	27 ■ 7p Troop 78	28 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round	29 ■ 7p Choir Practice			